

Appl. No. 10/713,233
Amendment dated February 28, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2005. In this Amendment, claims 3 and 4 are canceled and the limitations in dependent claims 3 and 4 are incorporated into claim 1.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner suggests amending claim 11 to insert "the" before the word "front". This change has been made so withdrawal of the objection is requested.

At page 5 of the Office Action, claims 11-14 and 30 are allowed. Claim 4 is objected to and would be allowable if re-written into independent form. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 29 are rejected as anticipated by Klett et al. (US 3,864,853). Claims 1, 2, 7, and 29 are rejected as being anticipated by Cornelius (US 5,852,888). Claims 1, 9, 10, and 29 are rejected as anticipated by Bierwith (US 4,413,432). Claim 6 is rejected as being obvious over Klett et al. Claims 5-6 are rejected as obvious over Cornelius (US 5,852,888) and Bierwith (US 5,526,592). These rejections are traversed.

However, to expedite the prosecution of this application, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations in dependent claims 3 and 4 and dependent claims 3 and 4 are canceled. Therefore, claim 1 and claims dependent thereon should be in condition for allowance. Thus, in view of the amendment to claim 1, all claims in this application are believed to be allowable.

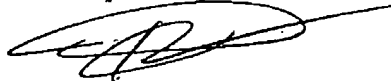
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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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